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SUBJECT: OPRED - PROPOSAL TO EXPAND OVERSEAS STAFF OF
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

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1. AMEMBASSY MEXICO BELIEVES THAT PROPOSAL TO
ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL IRS OFFICE IN THE HEMISPHERE
(CARACAS) SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY EXAMINATION BY
OPRED COMMITTEE OF SIZE, STATUS AND FUNCTIONS OF
EXISTING IRS OFFICES IN AREA, AND OF RATIO OF IRS EMPLOYEES
TO US CITIZENS ABROAD THAT USG
NEEDS IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT APPROPRIATE OVERSEAS FUNCTIONS
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AS COMPARED TO RATIO IN DOMESTIC OPERATIONS. QUESTIONS

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THAT COULD BE EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY SUCH EXAMINATION ARE: WOULD ESTABLISHMENT CARACAS OFFICE PERMIT RE-DUCTION IN STAFFS IN OTHER HERMISPHERE OFFICES? OR CONVERSELY, WOULD PRECEPTS UNDERLYING ESTABLISHMENT OF CARACAS OFFICE LEAD US TO EXPECT FURTHER INCREASES IN STAFFS IN EXISTING OFFICES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL OFFICES AT OTHER HEMISPHERE POSTS IN FUTURE? ARE WE DEVELOPING EXPANDED OVERSEAS CAREER SERVICE IN IRS? IF SO, WHAT ARE LONG RUN PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS AND WHAT SHOULD THEIR STATUS ABROAD BE?

2. EMBASSY MEXICO HAS RAISED STATUS QUESTION BEFORE. IN MEXICO CITY WE HAVE TWO IRS EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED FOR TOURS OF DUTY OF TWO OR THREE YEARS EACH, PLUS ONE LOCAL HIRE AMERICAN SECRETARY. IN ADDITION, HOWEVER, WE HAVE TWO TDY IRS REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED HERE AT ALL TIMES ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS FOR SIX MONTH PERIODS, AND WE NOW HAVE A THIRD FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE TAXABLE YEAR. SUCH POSITIONS FILLED CONSTANTLY ON TDY BASIS MAY WELL COST USG MORE THAN THEY WOULD ON BAIS NORMAL TWO-YEAR TOURS OF ASSIGNMENT. BECAUSE OF RELATIVE SHORT TENURE THEY ALSO FAIL TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP LANGUAGE AND OTHER SKILLS FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE. IF WE ARE TO HAVE EXPANDED, PERMANENT IRS SERVICE ABROAD, WE BELIEVE THE CONSTANTLY ENCUMBERED TDY POSITIONSHOULD BE CONVERTED TO REGULAR DUTY ONES AND INCLUDED IN OPRED CEILINGS. IN THIS WAY ALL IRS PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS ABROAD CAN BE WEIGHED AGAINST REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER USG AGENCIES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.
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